

**WHITBY GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MAY 24, 2012 – IROQUOIS PARK, WHITNEY HALL**

Executive Attendance:

Pattie Paling, *President*
Brian Mikkelsen, *Ice Scheduler*
Dave Martin, *1st VP Hockey Operations*
Jason Hunt, *2nd VP House League Director*
Russ Winters, *Jr. House League Director*
Kevin Schram, *Coach and Player Development*
Cathie Soper, *Registrar*
Louis Kyron, *Sponsorship Director*
Don McDonald, *Treasurer (Via Skype)*
Melissa Thompson, *3rd VP/Admin Assistant*
Patrick Birrell, *Equipment Director*
Sonya Schram, *Tournament Director*
Pat Brown, *Referee in Chief*
Kristy Robichaud, *Clothing Director*

Regrets:

Emily Uza, *Referee in Chief*
Jonathan Beam, *PR Director*

Special Guest:

George Meek, *Parliamentarian*
Teresa Muto, *Regional Director, OWHA*

1. Welcome and Introductions

Pattie Paling, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and initiated Executive introductions.

2. Guidelines

George Meek, Parliamentarian reviewed the guidelines for the meeting and provided a brief overview of his background as a Parliamentarian. Mr. Meek also stated that the rules of order exist to facilitate the debate, and to ensure issues are dealt with in a fair and professional manner, He reminded those present that cell phones are not permitted during the meeting.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of AGM 2011

Moved by Cathie Soper, **Seconded** by Russ Winters

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting June 1, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Financial Statements & Appointment of Accounting firm for 2011/2012

Pattie Paling advised that Treasurer Don McDonald would be joining the meeting via Skype and will be presenting from Edmonton. Mr. McDonald reviewed the statements as presented.

Moved by Pattie Paling, **Seconded** by Jason Hunt

That the review of the unaudited financial statements for the year 2011-12 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by Don McDonald, **Seconded** by Dave Martin

That the Executive appoints the firm of Arden VanderHorst Professional Corporation as the accountant for the 2012/2013 season.

CARRIED

5. Executive Council Reports

Mr. Meek advised that the Executive Council Members would now each provide an annual report.

President's Report: Pattie Paling stated that the Association as a whole had great success over the 2011 – 2012 season. She noted that the House League online statistics reporting system worked well this season and the online survey was a success. She noted the Development Program continues to grow and evolve and thanked Sonia Schram for her work with the programs. Ms. Paling congratulated Cathie Soper on her excellent work in moving from the paper system to the online registration and advised it was working smoothly. In closing, Ms. Paling thanked the Executive and the volunteers for their work over the past year.

VP GM Hockey Operations: Dave Martin thanked all the trainers, coaches, players and volunteers for a fantastic season. Mr. Martin reviewed the status of all the teams. He noted that there was a sharp increase in suspensions from last year. 36 suspensions were handed out by the OWHA, involving 28 players and five coaches.

Ice Scheduler: Brian Mikkelsen reported that ice allocation increased by 9% and Tyke and Bantam remained at its present standard of 44 hours. Mr. Mikkelsen reviewed the causes for the increase. He noted he had a 'laundry list' of items to review but would make it available to parents upon request. He noted that ice rates would increase by 2 -% for the next season. Canlan Ice Sports indicated an increase to \$285 per hour, however WGHA would not accept the increase. Mr. Mikkelsen also noted that at risk ice continues to increase each year. He noted that with the closure of Harman Park Arena, the WGHA would lose an ice surface. There were no new plans to build new ice in Whitby. He pointed out that Bantam and Midget would not be affected but any younger age group would be a concern.

2nd VP/House League/Junior House League Directors: Jason Hunt advised that there would be a change to the ratio. There would be more practices and fewer games. Mr. Hunt thanked Russ, Lou and Nicole for their assistance in the tyke program. He noted that they would like to offer 6 special development programs, the details of which are available in the handout which he provided.

Coach and Player Development: Kevin Schram reported that the WGHA had a strong season. He noted that the WGHA lost a good coach this past season. The WGHA would do something to honor John Armstrong's memory.

3rd VP/Admin Assistant: Melissa Thompson advised it was a busy year for the WGHA Executive. She thanked Cathie Soper and Pattie Paling for their assistance with furnishing the new office quickly. Ms. Thompson extended her thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in making the season run smoothly.

Registrar: Cathie Soper reviewed the success of the online registration system. She noted there were currently 875 players within the WGHA. Ms. Soper advised her tenure was coming to an end. She thanked the members of the Executive, the volunteers and the association for their friendship and support.

Clothing Director: Kristy Robichaud reviewed the clothing orders for the upcoming year. She noted there were new hoodies available. Ms. Robichaud advised that teams were allowed to order additional team wear with the logo directly from the supplier with permission from the Clothing Director, however there was a minimum order of 17. Ms. Supreme Sports Apparel would remain the supplier.

Equipment Director: Patrick Birrell reported that almost all loaned out goalie equipment has been returned and should be disinfected by the end of June. He noted that butterfly pads were a big request this year. Mr. Birrell advised the 50-year anniversary pins and crest were in the early developmental stage.

Tournament Director: Sonya Schram reported it was a successful year. There was a \$10,000 donation to the Coaching Development Fund. Tournament dates were from November 30, 2012 to December 2, 2012

PR Director: Melissa Thompson provided the report in Jonathan Beam's absence.

Sponsorship Director: Louis Kyron advised the WGHA had to turn away sponsors as there were more sponsors than teams. However, more teams may be added in the next season.

Referee in Chief: Pat Brown thanked Pattie Paling for her assistance and noted Emily Uza sent her regrets. He noted that no games were cancelled due to referee non-attendance. Mr. Brown advised there would be a new assigner, which he hoped, would mean a new start. He requested a meeting between coaches and supervisors before the new season starts

6. Questions from the Floor

George Meek invited questions to the Executive from the floor.

No questions arose from the floor regarding the reports; Mr. Meek called for a motion to accept the Executive Reports as presented.

Moved by Kristy Robichaud, **Seconded** by Nicole Kenyon

That the Executive Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7. Nominations and Elections for 2011/2012 Positions

Mr. Meek advised that the WGHA Constitution provides for nominations in advance of the Annual General Meeting, and should nominations be received for an open position before the meeting, no nominations will be accepted from the floor. Mr. Meek stated that one nomination has been received for each open position, therefore no further nominations will be accepted at this time. Mr. Meek noted that as only one nomination for each position was received, all positions would be filled by acclamation.

The following positions were filled by acclamation:

- Tournament Director – Sonya Schram
- Treasurer – Don McDonald (moved out of order)
- Sponsorship Director – Louis Kyron
- 3rd VP Administration Assistant – Melissa Thompson
- 1st VP, Director of Hockey Operations – Dave Martin
- Registrar – Nicole Kenyon
- 1st House League Director – Russ Winters
- Referee In Chief – Pat Brown

8. New Business

Mr. Meek opened the floor to any new business.

No new Business arose

9. Thank you and Adjournment

George Meek thanked the WGHA for asking him to act as parliamentarian for this meeting. Ms. Paling thanked the members for attending, and welcomed Nicole Kenyon as Registrar.

Moved by Maria Brooks, **Seconded** by Louis Kyron

That the Annual General Meeting May 24, 2012 be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED